

## Barbour County Commission Meeting

August 7, 2023

5:00 pm

JAMIE CARPENTER COMMISSION PRESIDENT, DAVID STRAIT COMMISSIONER, JEDD SCHOLA COMMISSIONER, LAURIE AUSTIN COUNTY CLERK (absent), SHANA FREY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Everett M. Propst, Kris M. Jones, Robert G. Jones, H. David Talbott, Bob Richardson, John Ashcom, Kim Lewis, Drew Phillips, Rod Kimble, Dylan Harper, Corey Brandon

Jamie Carpenter called the meeting to order at 5:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first reading was held for the Barbour County Enhanced 911 Ordinance amendments. The amendment is to update fees imposed on local exchange service lines to finance the projected costs of capital improvement and maintenance costs of the Enhanced Emergency Telephone System and associated Emergency Dispatch Equipment - Residential from \$3.15 to \$3.64; Business from \$4.00 to \$4.25; Centrix from \$0.25 to \$0.50. The proposed amendment would be effective January 1, 2024.

On a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the June 10, 2023 and July 19, 2023 meeting minutes were approved. 3/0

Exonerations were presented.

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, twelve (12) final settlements were approved. 3/0

ROBERT LYNN CHEWNING SR., GARY MICHAEL WERNER, MARTHA ALICE HOVEY, MARGARET V. PRICE, PATRICIA CHAPMAN, GARY D. McDONALD, HARRY W. JACKSON, YVONNE MARIE JACKSON, SHAWN ERIC POLING, ERNEST LEE GOULD, DORSEY LEE CAMPBELL, JOAN CHRISTINE HICKS

John Ashcom explained that during an update to the City of Philippi's Comprehensive Plan, it was discovered that an annexation approved in 1995 does not have a recorded record. To rectify the missing order, he presented a confirmatory order affirming, approving and re-approving the City of Philippi's 1995 Annexation by minor boundary sewer adjustments of certain tracts or parcels of land located on the Airport Access Road in Philippi District, Barbour County, WV, Broaddus Knolls Phase II, Tract 1, 18.26 acres, Tract 2, 1.49 acres; and Tract 3, 1.48 acres. Discussion was held. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, the confirmatory order was approved. 3/0

Mr. Ashcom explained the January 2022 Intergovernmental Agreement that the County Commission and City of Philippi entered into for a sewer line extension project. A site change on a section of the project eliminated a right of entry requirement. As a result, he requested the consideration to authorize the execution of a Quitclaim Deed remising and releasing all interest obtained in that certain Right of Entry Order, as Ordered by the Circuit Clerk of Barbour County, West Virginia, in Civil Action No. 22-C-20. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola, the Quitclaim Deed was approved. 3/0

Prosecutor Phillips requested the name on the account titled "Prosecutors Investigation Acct" located at Freedom Bank be updated to remove Thomas Hoxie and add Andrew Phillips. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, this action was approved. 3/0

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A lengthy follow up discussion was held regarding Barbour County Ambulance coverage. Representation from Barbour County EMS and Belington EMS were in attendance. Adequate staffing and response were discussed. The Commission explained they have a duty to maintain adequate ambulance coverage within Barbour County and the current trend proves lacking in various aspects. They are evaluating numerous possibilities and will make decisions for improvement cautiously and methodically.

Adjusting paging alerts have improved response time in most situations. It was requested to consider utilizing the "Active 911" app in the ambulance agencies to alert response in real-time. Dylan Harper is to provide additional details at the next commission meeting.

Chief Deputy Roy reported the three new cruisers have been delivered and are waiting for radios.

He plans to purchase three additional Insync license to make their reporting process more efficient. He is also working with GST on computer upgrade options.

Chief Roy announced that Chief Jeff Walters completed Prevention Resource Officer training and will be placed in Barbour County Schools during the upcoming school year.

A discussion was held regarding county fleet maintenance and its benefit to the department.

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, Executive Session was entered to discuss Animal Control personnel at 6:47pm. 3/0

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, Regular Session was resumed at 7:20pm. 3/0

OEM/911 requested the surveillance camera NVR equipment upgrade and Verizon lease agreement to be tabled.

A discussion was held regarding the closure of Alderson Broaddus University.

The purchase of Animal Control and Maintenance vehicles were tabled.

A resolution to submit an application to the Federation of Humane Organizations of WV (FOHO) for funding assistance toward capital improvements at the Animal Shelter was passed on a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Davis Strait. 3/0

The member agreement with WVCORP was approved and signed on a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jamie Carpenter. 3/0

The purchase of three computers for courthouse offices from GST in the amount of \$3,916.50 was approved on a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola. 3/0

The next regular meeting will be held on August 18, 2023 at 9:00am.

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Governor Justice recently announced the preliminary approval for LEAD program funds, which included the Preston to Barbour Rural Expansion; a \$7.3 million dollar project that will install 135 miles of fiber and serve 803 targeted addresses.

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.  
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Jamie Carpenter, President

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